

Capsule Summary
SM-605
Glyndon
Oakley Vic.
Private

c. 1890-1910

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Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-605

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Glyndon

and/or common

2. Location

1.3 miles W of the intersection of Burch Rd. & Oakley Road, on the S side of Burch Road —38855 Burch Rd.
street & number X not for publication

city, town Oakley X vicinity of congressional district 7

state Maryland county St. Mary's TM-39 G-20 P-145

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>X</u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Colin F. Burch

street & number PO Box 82 telephone no.: 301-769-3708

city, town Avenue state and zip code Md 20609

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber EBA 19

street & number folio 57

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 4

Glyndon, constructed in the 1890s is located approximately 1 mile southeast of the intersection of Oakley and Burch Roads. The house, oriented on a northeast/southwest axis, is situated down a 0.2 mile dirt drive that extends south from Burch Road. Overlooking Canoe Neck Creek, the house is surrounded by relatively flat, cultivated fields of corn and soybean. The actual house lot consists of a rectangular grassy area bounded to the northwest and southeast by trees and shrubs. The house lot extends from the end of the dirt drive and gradually descends to the creek. Three outbuildings including a carriage house, tobacco barn, and double corn crib are located approximately 300 feet to the northwest of the house down a dirt drive.

Glyndon is a frame, two-and-a-half story, three bay, center-passage, double pile plan dwelling with a steep gable roof. The foundation is constructed of evenly fired brick laid in a common bond. While the house is currently sheathed with asbestos shingles, the dwelling was originally sheathed with German (or beveled) siding attached to the circular sawn frame with mature cut nails. The sides of the cross gables are covered with alternating rows of sawtooth and butt shingles. The cornice is enclosed and decorated with a vergeboard that appears on all elevations of the house. The roof is entirely covered with raised seam metal and is pierced by three interior brick chimney flues.

On the first floor of the primary or northeast elevation of Glyndon are three symmetrical bays; a centrally located set of two panel, French doors flanked on either side by an elongated two-over-four window. The door also features three light sidelights as well as a three light transom. These bays are shaded by a shed porch with a brick pier foundation and turned porch posts. The second floor is pierced by three, two-over-two windows. A cross gable is pierced by a paired set of two-over-two windows.

The northwest elevation is pierced by two, two-over-two windows on the first, second, and attic floors.

The southeast elevation was originally similar to the northeast elevation but has been slightly modified. Near the southern most corner of the first floor, the porch was enclosed and made into a room. The foundation underneath this section was also improved through the addition of cinder blocks in the spaces between the original brick piers. A single two-over-two window pierces the northwest side of the this shed roof modification. A centrally located set of two-panel French doors is flanked to the northern most side by a two-over-two window. The door features a set three-light sidelights and a three light transom. The second floor is pierced by three, two-over-two windows. The cross gable is pierced by a set of paired set of two-over-two windows.

The southwest elevation, like the northwest elevation, is pierced by two, two-over-two windows on the first, second, and attic floors. The enclosed porch section is also pierced by a two-over-two window. An awkwardly placed interior chimney flue is located close to the southern most corner of the house.

While the interior of the dwelling was not accessible at the time of the visit, it was clear that

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Interestingly, the dwelling does not feature any large service wings or significant additions which usually accompany buildings of the period. Instead, a kitchen was incorporated directly into the main block of the building and storage and work space for the kitchen was expanded via a small shed addition on the riverside of the dwelling.

While this addition as well as other changes to the building, such as the installation of asbestos shingles on the exterior, have diminished the integrity of the building's exterior appearance, much of the actual fabric including the original "German" siding still remain. The building, therefore, is significant as an excellent, but muted, example of the Queen Anne-style in St. Mary's County.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Interview, Col. Colin F. Burch, November 11, 1997.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 20 acres around the houseQuadrangle name Leonardtown, MdQuadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed description.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyororganization St. Mary's County Dept. of Planning & Zoningdate February, 1998street & number 22740 Washington Streettelephone 301-475-4662city or town Leonardtownstate Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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7.1 Description

the interior plan featured a center passage flanked on either side by two evenly sized rooms. The center passage featured an open string stair with a square shaped newel decorated with an inscribed round top and a reeded and chamfered body. The window and door trim of the house features bulls eye corner blocks and the rooms were each heated by shared chimney flues. The second floor could not be viewed but it presumably mimics the plan of the first floor.

Approximately 300 feet to the north of the main house is a carriage house and hay loft, double corn crib, and a tobacco barn. The c. 1920s frame carriage house and hay loft is exceptionally deteriorated. While the foundation is obscured, the walls are sheathed with clapboard attached to a circular sawn partially braced frame with wire nails. The clipped gable roof is covered with wood shingles. The roof is pierced by a small louvered cupola. The c. 1940s double corn crib lies on a concrete pier foundation and is constructed of circular sawn lumber. The vertical slats are attached to the frame with wire nails. Each section of the crib features its own door. The roof of the crib is covered with corrugated metal. The c. 1940s double axial plan tobacco barn, oriented on a east/west axis, features a foundation of concrete pierces and the walls are sheathed with a combination of vertical planks and board-and-battens attached to the circular sawn frame with wire nails. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. A small stripping shed is located on the south side of the barn.

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8.1 Significance

Chain-of-Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber EBA 19, Folio 57

Grantee: C. Whittingham Burch

Grantor: Ann Rebecca Burch

Date: March 11, 1920

Notes: This deed notes the transfer of 124 acres called "Part Riverview" lots 3 and 4. Ann Rebecca Burch, the daughter of Albert Burch, originally received the property from her father via will (Liber JBA 1, Folio 44). Because Albert had included his grandson Albert Burch, a minor, in the will, the division of the estate was remanded to the St. Mary's County Circuit Court to provide an equal division of property. The deed does not mention lot 2 which was given to James C. Burch and that appears to be the lot that Glyndon is built on.

Reference: Decree Record Liber JFF 5, Folio 93, No. 571 NE

James C. Burch and Mary J. Burch, et al vs. Albert Burch

Date: August 5, 1884

Notes: The circuit court hired W. J. Wathen and appointed a five man committee to appropriately divide the property of Albert Burch in a way that would equally benefit all of his heirs. Called "Canoe Neck" and containing 370 acres, the property was divided into six lots. Lot 1, containing 57 1/2 acres, 5 acres of woodland, and one small tenant house was given to Edward A. Burch. Lot 2, containing 57 1/2 acres, 5 acres of woodland, and no improvements was given to James C. Burch. Lot 3, containing 48 1/2 acres, 5 acres of woodland, west half of dwelling house, carriage house, stable and barn, was given to Ann R. Burch. Lot 4, containing 48 1/2 acres, 5 acres of woodland, the east half of dwelling, kitchen, meathouse, dairy, and one servant house, was given to Mary J. Burch. Lot 5, containing 46 acres, 5 acres of woodland, and one barn was given to Albert Burch. Lot 6, containing 79 acres and two tenant houses was allotted to Charles A. Burch.

Reference: Liber JTB 2, Folio 427

Grantee: Albert Burch

Grantor: Joseph L. and Eliza McWilliams

Date: June 5, 1857

Notes: This is just one of several deeds that document how Albert Burch acquired much of the property around Riverview. While this deed noted the transfer of only 29 acres, other purchases were somewhat larger such as a 200 acre tract he received from John H. and Monica C. Turner called Lot #1 of Canoe Neck (Liber JH 13, Folio 459). This tract was held jointly by John H. Turner and Mary Amanda Burch, the wife of Albert Burch. He also purchased 100 acres of Shipping Point Farm also known as Bluff Woods and Bluff Woodland from Joseph L. McWilliams (Liber WTM 2, Folio 285). It appears as if the Turners and McWilliams families were intimately related to Jeremiah Alvey. Alvey had four daughters and one son who all married. They are Cecelia Hayden, Emaline McWilliams, Teresa Turner, Eliza Susannah McWilliams, and Cornelius Alvey. According to the will of Jeremiah Alvey (Liber GC 2, Folio 16), these daughters were to divide his property among themselves. The executors of his will James McWilliams, John C. McWilliams, and John Turner evidently carried this request out.

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8.2 Significance

Reference: Liber JH 8, Folio 346-347

Grantee: Jeremiah Alvey

Grantor: William H. Plowden, George McWilliams, Dent Blackistone, Thomas Gardiner, and John Llewellyn, personal representatives of Ignatius Fenwick

Date: March 13, 1829

Notes: This deed notes the transfer of 720 acres called "Canoe Neck or the Hermitage." The purchase price is \$9,117.

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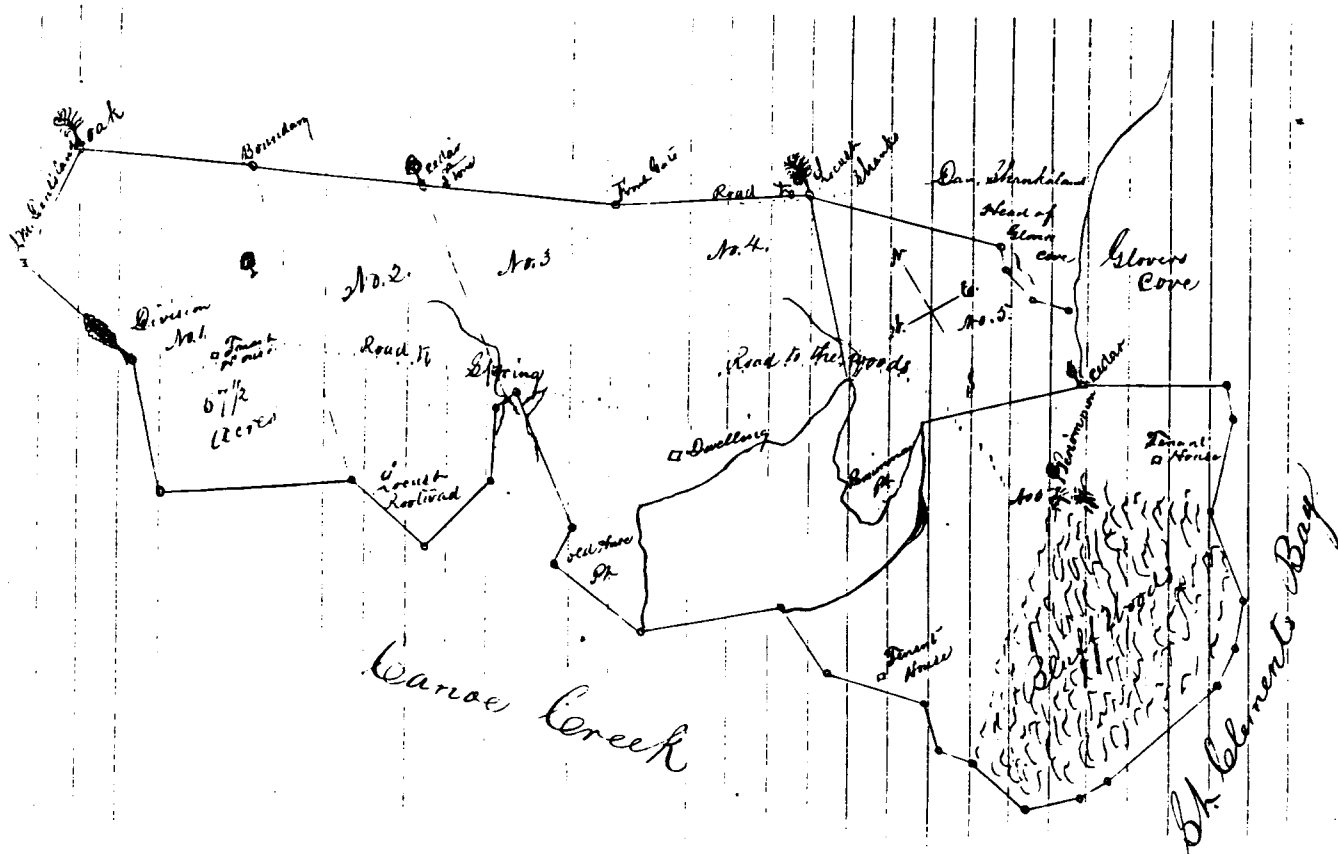
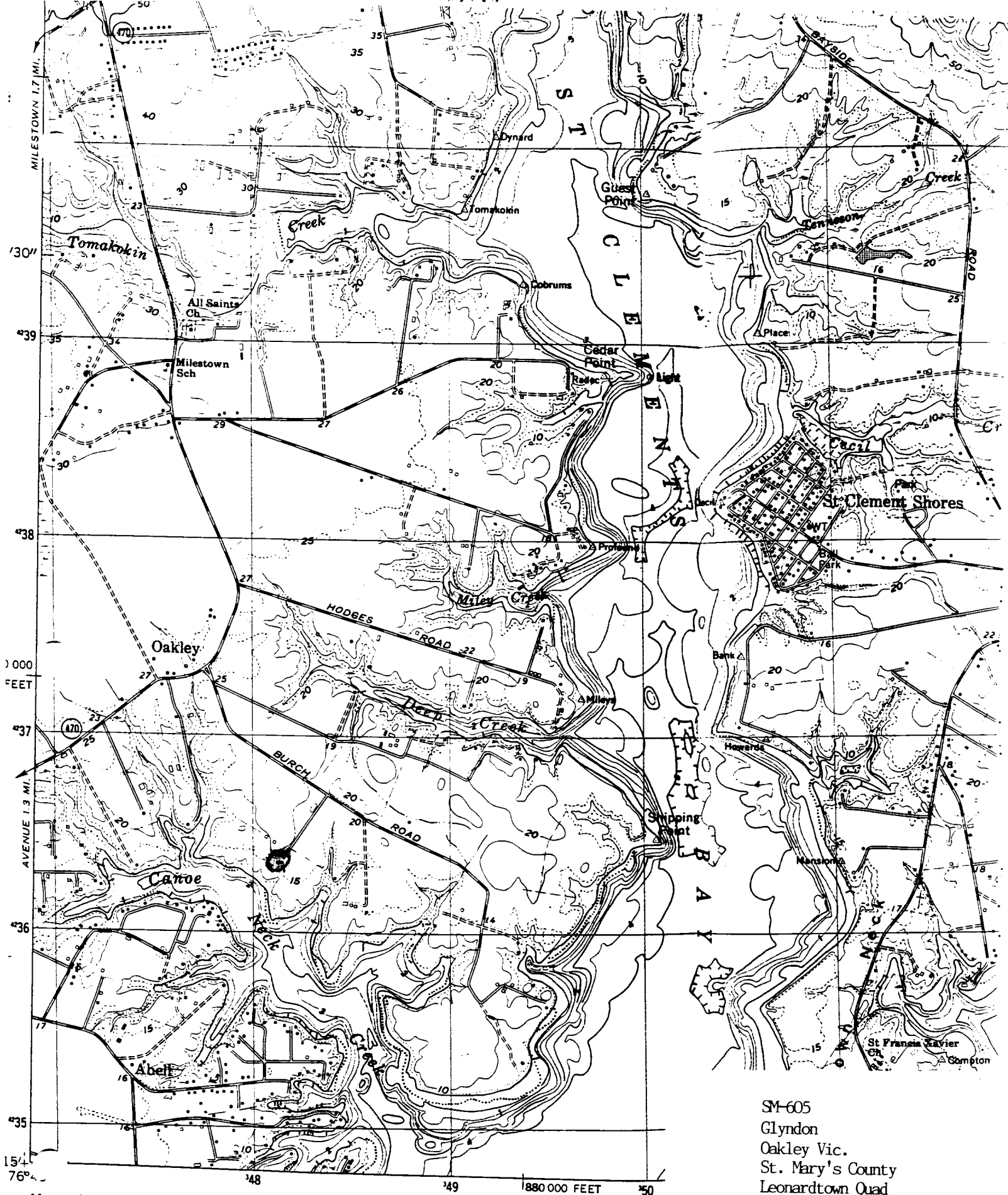


Figure 1. 1884 map of Albert Burch's estate and its division among his heirs. St. Mary's County Courthouse, Land Records, Liber JFF 5, Folio 102, No. 571 NE. James C. Burch's lot, where Glyndon is currently located, is #2.



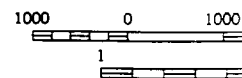
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